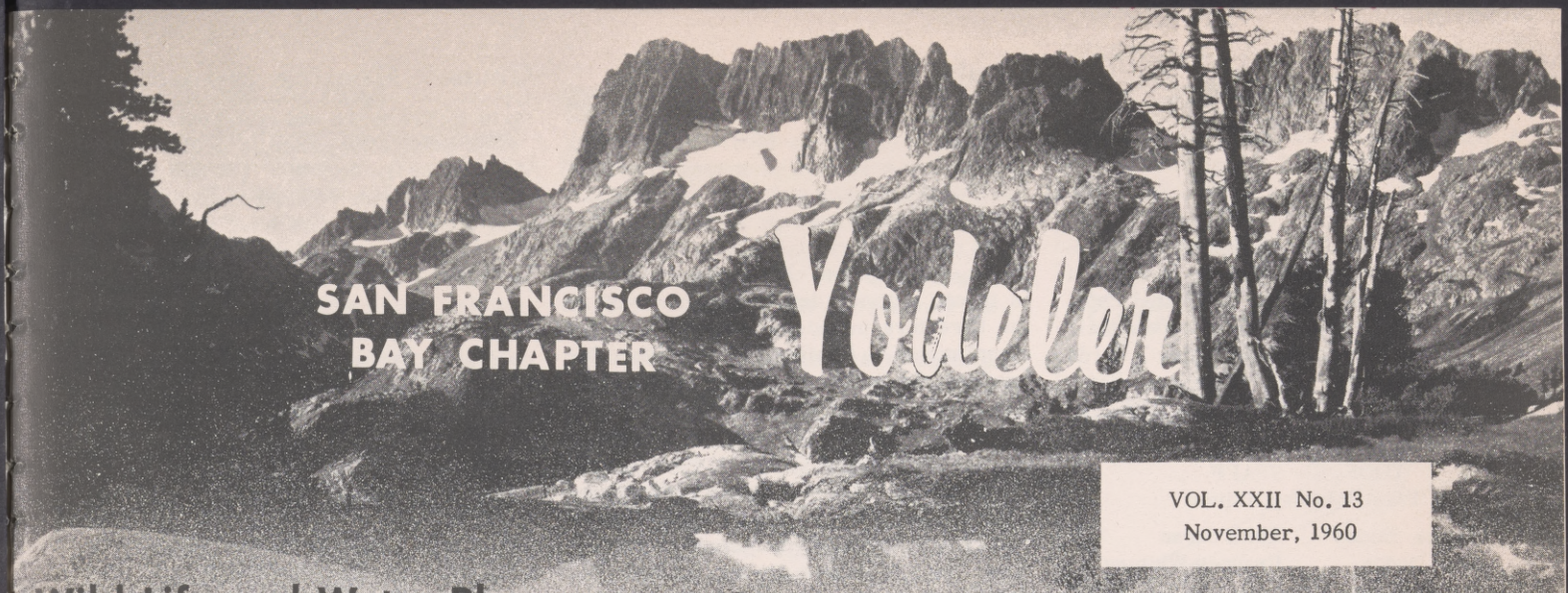


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Wild Life and Water Plan

Whatever the pros and cons of the State Water Plan, (Proposition I), the effect on fish and wildlife and on recreation will be tremendous. The Diablo Chapter of the Izaak Walton League held a special symposium at Walnut Creek on Oct. 6th to discuss these aspects of the plan. Four State departments were present to explain and comment on the water plan, and answer questions from the floor.

Water Resources (William Fairbank) explained recreation and reservoirs. Oroville and San Luis, plus fourteen other smaller reservoirs higher in the mountains, will have 40,000 acres total water surface, open to water sports, and land for recreation use around these lakes is provided in the financing though other public bodies would have to develop them. The Oroville dam, however, is too high for fish ladders and would have to depend on hatcheries for up-stream fishing, of salmon or other migrating fish.

Fish and Game Dept. (Harry Anderson) The big projects certainly do present wildlife problems. Our rivers should not be allowed to become sewers, as threatened by more and more people with less and less water in free flow.

Department of Beaches and Parks (Robert Hatch) The position of the Parks Dept. is not at all clear in these projects. The problem here is the migrating water line, Folsom Dam, for example has a draw-down of half a mile. The public follows the water line, the facilities, such as launching ramps, must move with it. There are 300,000 recreation boats in California, so that this type of sport is still far behind the hunting and fishing use of the public lands, which are not so well provided for.

The Department of Public Health (Frank Stead) On the reservoirs there is the problem of knowing how many to plan for, and safety is the top headache. Imagine a street where racing cars, trucks and pedestrians can go every which way at will, and you have the state of every large body of water. Zoning is necessary to save fish

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Club to Vote On Anti-Communism

The Sierra Club faces a special ballot very soon on a proposed loyalty oath for new members.

An initiative petition circulated in the Angeles Chapter would require candidates to state that they were not communists or advocates of forcible overthrow of the United States government. It acquired over 300 signatures, and thus will come before the membership as provided in the by-laws.

But along with it will come a statement of strong opposition by the Board of Directors, who considered the question at a sometimes stormy public session in Los Angeles last month. The Board followed the example of the Bay Chapter Executive Committee and the Council, which both had rejected it.

The Board, in a unanimous resolution, called the proposal unnecessary and "potentially disruptive."

The initiative would also alter the membership machinery so as to give the chapters the last say on who may or may not become Sierra Club members. The petition has been circulated by a group in the Angeles chapter that strongly resisted the recent liberalization of Club membership requirements.

The Directors pointed out that even under the new rules the membership committee has the power to reject communists or fellow travelers, "not because of political beliefs but because of probable disruptive influence."

Such a test, the Board declared, "should not be established in Sierra Club membership procedures unless its necessity and effectiveness are demonstrated for control of a clear and present danger."

The Board named Harold W. Crowe Honorary Vice-President, and chose Polly Dyer to fill the vacancy caused the the resignation of Starker Leopold.

The statement of policy for the administration of national forest lands, upon which a committee headed by Bestor Robinson has long been working, was approved for publication in an early Bulletin. -P.W.

Innocents on Ice

A quick sure way to test a knapsack hiker's zeal is to give him a forty-pound pack and send him over the Southern Sierra crest, cross-country. Ice sharpens the test.

Such conditions marked the beginning of this summer's outing into the Cartridge Creek area at Southfork Pass which serves Kings Canyon National Park and the Big Pine Creek roadhead.

Southfork Pass is a misnomer! It is little more than a notch between Middle Palisades and the peak called The Thumb, but entices the traveler because it offers direct access to Palisade Creek country. A small glacier remains at the foot of the north exposure, and above it is a steep, relatively broad chute of scree and sand. In previous years, the chute has held ice all season, but is now free as a result of drier winters. This factor makes the climb more touchy for a large party as the problem of rockfall is vastly compounded. Worse, melting ice has released captive rock which has spilled over the upper glacier to make a quite precarious surface for climbing. The management wisely arranged to have Larry Williams guide the group. Larry, a licensed mountain guide in the Palisades region, with headquarters at Glacier Lodge, joined our expedition at noon just below the glacier and we set our sights on the notch-opening, roughly eight hundred feet upward.

We traversed left on the lower ice, then tacked right toward the bergschrund and its backwall which we hoped would give adequate shelter from falling rocks. But the slope became steeper and more slick. Larry fixed a line as a direct aid, so that all hands were brought safely to this first collection point....the wall, which was between four and five feet high.

With ice ax we cut steps around the wall and up to where the scree began; another rope was fixed, and each climber tied himself on. One at a time they went to a second rendezvous point. Meanwhile, back at the crevasse, the group was having a ball....

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Bruce Grant Heads Executive Committee

The Oct. 10 Executive Committee meeting was conducted by our newly-appointed chairman, Bruce Grant. The Committee unanimously elected Carl Weisner to fill the Executive Committee vacancy following Phil Faulconer's resignation.

Claudia Owen provided a full report from the Sierra Club Council meeting, including discussion of the proposed by-law amendments put forward by petition from certain members in the Angeles Chapter. The effect of the proposed amendments would be to require inclusion on membership application blanks of a loyalty (anticommunist) statement to be signed by the applicant, and to give chapter membership committees increased power in rejection of applications.

The Bay Chapter Executive Committee unanimously resolved to support vigorously the position taken by the Council which "deplores the attempt to inject the issue of communism and the requirement of a 'loyalty oath' into the membership procedures. The Council is of the opinion that the proposal is inappropriate and is potentially disruptive to the Club and its objectives."

Treasurer Wes Bunnelle reported that all bills had been paid but that, with reserves low, close control of spending will be required through the balance of the year.

As Publications Committee Chairman, Bruce Grant reported that Dirk Breymann was now in charge of advertising sales for the Schedule. Cicely Christy, who is in

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charge of Yodeler circulation, stated that subscriptions have been coming in at a very satisfactory rate.

Georgella Perry, new chairman of the Chapter Membership Committee, offered to handle mailing of one Yodeler issue to each applicant for membership in the Chapter together with an invitation to subscribe.

Chairman Ben Crowley and several members of the East Bay Dinners Committee informed the Executive Committee about the problems imposed by a recent increase to $1.75 in the cost of their dinners. Formerly they had charged twenty-five cents more than the school department's dinner charge to take care of janitorial service and other expenses. Now the Dinner Committee is reluctant to raise the price for dinner to $2.00, fearing that it might discourage attendance. Randall Dickey suggested that voluntary contributions be invited at each Dinner meeting, particularly from those who come after dinner to enjoy the programs. (It is reported that the contributions received at the well-attended East Bay Dinner on Oct. 12 more than covered expenses for that evening. Bruce Grant

Lively Council Meeting

The Sierra Club Council held its Fall meeting in San Francisco on September 24th. Twenty Council members were present, with a number of guests, and all delegates took some part in the lively discussions on the nineteen items of the agenda. The meeting showed clearly that the Council is indeed active in internal affairs, just as the Directors intended it should be. Our compliments to Chairman Walter Ward for handling the large agenda in one day without seeming to hurry over anything.

Special Council reporter, Virginia Gilloon, of San Diego Chapter, writes about the meeting: One of the very useful functions of the Council is that it provides an opportunity for staff members to present plans and problems to the Council and through it to the Chapters and the Club committees. At this meeting members received information from Exec. Secretary Dave Brower, Office Manager Elmer Maryatt, and Editor Bruce Kilgore.

Dave reported on the joint meeting of Board and Council Executive Committees, and the assignments the Board has given to the Council, one of them being the development of a policy guide for the various types of Chapter publications. (A Council committee, headed by Eleanor Johnson, former Editor of the Loma Prietan, is now working on this.)

Office Manager Elmer Maryatt spoke of the recognized need for a new look at the method of allocating funds to Chapters. He also briefed the Council on some of the office procedures he is introducing to cope with the rapid increase in membership—

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up to 16,500 by the end of August.

The publication program is also expanding extremely rapidly: $18,000 business last year became $80,000 to date this year. New books are on the way. Members will be interested to know that 70 copies of the Wilderness Alps of Stehekin are now in circulation. Postcards are in good supply, $1.00 a minimum packet, with good discounts for large quantities which might be taken by a Chapter for resale. There was also a report by Mrs. (Anne) Harold Crowe on the Morley Fund scholarships which enable 10 to 14 young students or teachers to go on Sierra Club summer outings each year.

Warren Lemmon is working on the Outing Manual for use by all Chapter trip leaders. It will have check lists, articles on activities, on insurance, safety, etc., and will be ready next year.

The great improvement in the Sierra Club Library was described by Director William Siri, who praised especially the work of Dick Pitman in trading duplicates for important monographs on mountaineering.

The new film on the Sierra Club, its aims, history and activities, is nearly ready. Walter Ward has taken and arranged most of the film, with help from Lewis Clark, Charlotte Mauk, and John and Vivian Schagen in the final stages. The film was shown after the Council meeting.

There was a general discussion of the method and timing of presenting conservation to campers on the summer outings. The Council thought that the title usually chosen by trip leader Al Schmitz, "How an Outing Comes Into Being", was a very good one and could be developed by any trip leader to suit his group.

The Council devoted much thought and discussion to a proposed amendment to the Sierra Club by-laws which would require a non-Communist oath of an applicant for Sierra Club membership. By a unanimous vote, the Council passed a resolution deploring the introduction of any such issue into the membership procedures.

We were reminded at the meeting of the American White Water Affiliation, an organization whose purposes of conserving and enjoying American waterways coincides with our own and deserves our support. If you are not familiar with their magazine, American White Water, take a look at a copy next time you are in the club office, or better yet, join. In the last issue two Sierra clubbers had articles. Whether you are an old member or would like to become a new one, this month is the time to mail your $2.50 dues in order to receive the four issues for the coming year. Mail your name, address and check to American White Water Affiliation, 2019 Addison Street, Chicago 18, Ill.

—E. Simpson

Juniors Boast A First

Juniors boast a "first" for '60 in meeting Old Man Winter October 8. They write, "Our party of four men and three slow women (they are made to be slow!) started up over Signal Mountain from the roadhead near Cisco Grove. At the top we shivered (in shorts, yet!), ate lunch and thus proceeded along the ridge. From the peak we could see beautiful views in all directions. All the way we drooled over the lovely basins that would invite wonderful skiing in winter.

"We went on down to Fordyce Creek to camp, and were greeted by cold winds. We stuffed ourselves far into the night with steak, spaghetti, soup, salad and a delicious dessert of pineapple pudding prepared by our Food co-ordinator Chef Susie Langstroth.

"That night we (I?) had a very pleasant sleep in spite of everything from high winds to freezing temperatures and snow flakes!

"Two of the lazier members of the group woke up late to hot cereal, applesauce and scrambled eggs. (No names mentioned, please, on this last point.)

"Anyhow, we somehow got underway in the sub-freezing temperatures with numb hands and started back. I must not forget to mention our faithful leaders, Phil Lydon (Phil had wine-soaked cheese for lunch) and Anita Suran. Others who contributed to the fun of the trip were Phil Norgaard, Gerda Lydon and John Henderson.

"All in all we were happy to be on our way homeward, free from the driving snows and freezing temperatures.

"Hail skiers! Winter is not far off."

—Bob Elliott

Natural Science Trip

On Oct. 8, Oliver E. Bowen, State Division of Mines, took the Natural Science Section to one of the most sleepy, relaxed mining operations that this writer has ever seen. It is the Guadalupe Mine, owned by the Palo Alto Mining Co., located in the New Almaden quicksilver mining area. Mr. John V. Gaugan, mine foreman, gave a talk on the geology of this particular mine area and the method of mining and extracting the quicksilver, which is similar to that of Spanish days.

The main part of the operation is the reworking of the old Spanish and American mine dumps. There are a few new sites and the possibility of finding more. The miners lease the various sites, splitting 50/50, with royalties. They may work whatever hours or days they wish. The equipment is old, much of the work is by hand. Modern mining equipment would be too costly; a greater profit can be made by the cruder methods.

It was a nice day for walking and photography. There were about 15 cars in our caravan. And rock hounds could find good hunting.

—Patricia M. Bauer

Ski Heil!

The first of the ski movies are now showing to get us all into the winter mood. Warren Miller's "Swinging Skis" will be shown at Nourse Auditorium on November 16. The John Jay film, "Olympic Holiday," with scenes from the 1960 Olympics, will be shown at the Berkeley Community Theater, November 29.

For those who would like to contribute to organized skiing and also receive the Far West supplement to Skiing Magazine, send $4.00 for membership through non-100% member club (Sierra Club), $1.25 for spouse and $1.50 for junior (under 18) to Larry Marks, 7806 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Benefits this year will include a fifty-cent reduction on the first all-day ticket purchased by the FWSA member in each of these areas in Northern California—Heavenly Valley, Dodge Ridge, Reno Ski Bowl, Mount Rose and Sky Tavern, Sugar Bowl and Squaw Valley. Your dues help to develop junior skiers and racers (Jimmy Huega, for example) and make it possible to give uniform skiing instruction throughout the Far West.

The third annual ski swap, sponsored by the Alpineers at the California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco, will be held November 5, from 3 to 11. The swap will afford skiers an opportunity to sell used gear and buy used or new equipment eliminating the middle man.

The annual winter First Aid refresher and winter supplement courses for the Ski Patrol will be held December 10-11 at CTL. John Thune will be the instructor. All interested parties are invited to attend. Those who do winter and summer touring, skiers and snowshoers may find this particularly valuable as there will be sessions on map-reading and compass work. Please send reservations to Keith Lummis, Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden, Calif. Lodging will be $9.00 for the weekend.

December 3 is the date for the Annual Hotel from 9 until 1. The tickets are $2.50 each.

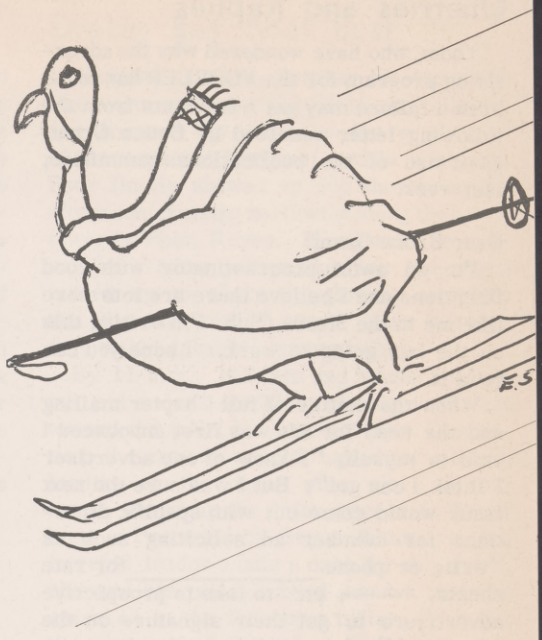
If anyone has news of skiing, skiers, snow, mountains, snowshoiers etc., drop me a card.

Roberta Huber
P. O. Box 413
Tahoe City, Calif.



SURPLUS HARDBACKS?

The library collection at Clair Tappaan is being overhauled and we can use books on Western history, mountaineering, and the natural scene. Call Thelma Carder to see if we can use your titles.



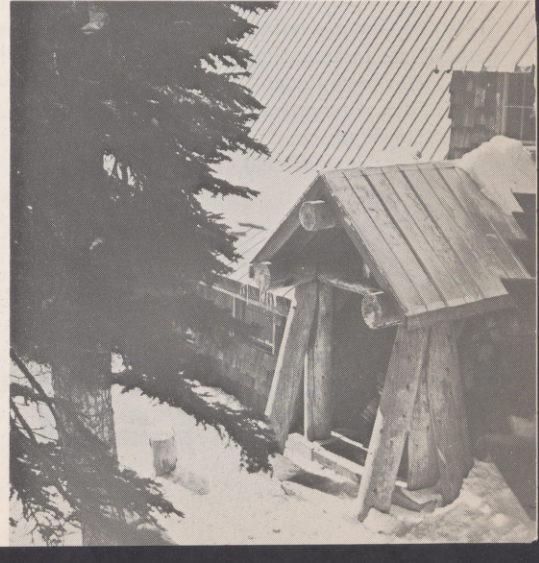
Frost Is on the Pumpkin

The first snow flurries of the winter are upon us, and among skiers the devout are already adjusting bindings and applying layers of base coat to their skis. Pre-ski exercises are still offered, all expenses paid, in the form of continuing Work Parties at Clair Tappaan Lodge.

Traditionally the winter begins at the Lodge with the Thanksgiving Holiday with a fine dinner and good companionship. Occasionally the weatherman has a bonus, fine skiing. When the snow is scarce, nearby ponds and lakes are usually frozen to the delight of outdoor ice-skaters. And always, the crisp autumn weather beckons hikers and snowshoiers to roam about in the forest.

"Creeping Inflation" has not reached the high country; winter rates remain unchanged from last year. Reservations for Thanksgiving should be made directly with Manager Keith Lummis at Norden. After December 1, all reservations, accompanied by full payment, should be made through the Club Office in San Francisco.

—A.S.



Querries and Replies

Those who have wondered why the advertising program for the YODELER has so far been a failure may get a few hints from the following letter received by Bruce Grant, chairman of the publications committee, last week.

Dear Bruce Grant:

I'm an awful procrastinator with good intentions and I believe there are lots more like me in the Sierra Club. I'm writing this on the bus going to work. I hope you can read it.

When the matter of full Chapter mailing and the need for ads was first announced I said to myself, "I know of one advertiser I think I can get". But I was sure the next issue would come out with specific directions for member ad soliciting such as "write or phone _____ for rate sheets, ------, etc. to take to prospective advertisers to get their signature on the dotted line". I decided to wait for the specific directions. Well, there never was anything that specific, not even your address or phone number given with a "please contact" appeal. It was still the general "we need ads". I did go so far as to hunt up and dial your telephone number but picked the wrong moment as no one was home. Somehow time has slipped by with my intentions still intending.

I presume you do have either on paper(s) and/or card(s) all the information a member needs to take to a prospect and get the signature on a contract — rates, sizes, shapes, deadlines, mail copy to _____, checks payable to _____, circulation, if reduction in rate for annual (every issue) contract, etc.

Please send me 3 copies of such. I only know of one prospect now, but may get ideas.

I suggest that every item mentioning the need for ads include a specific "please contact" complete with an address and telephone number so there is no excuse of delaying to look up mislaid information. The item should contain everything needed to activate a response.

Now to look up the address and get this mailed before I lose it.

—Hazel Eggert

(Yes, we have available a new rate card with all the information and would like your help. Please contact:

Dirk Breymann, Schedule Ad mgr.
Jim Watters, Yodeler Ad Mgr.
c/o Sierra Club Office.)

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Children today need equal opportunity for education in our competitive world. Life insurance makes that opportunity certain.
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New Film and Slides Ready

The Sierra Club has recently released a new 16mm sound and color film titled NATURE NEXT DOOR. Photographed by Dr. Stebbins in Tilden Park and narrated by David Brower, it is co-sponsored by the Regional Parks Association.

Its intent is to emphasize the need of children for wild areas in or near cities, for experiences with small reptiles, insects, birds and animals in their natural settings, so it shows the adventures of a group of young children in the Regional Park.

Other new additions to the growing film library include MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY, produced by the Appalachian Mountain Club. This 28-minute sound and color film is intended for beginning hikers. It depicts the adventures of a couple wishing to join the Club. Members show them shoes, clothing, and other equipment necessary to enjoy hiking. Views of Eastern trails and Lodges will interest Westerners.

ALASKAN WILDLIFE RANGE, another new film, produced by Thorne Films of Denver and donated to the Club, is a 20-minute sound and color film of Alaska's vanishing wildlife. It highlights the need to preserve their natural habitat.

FALL COLORING, another Thorne Film production, recently donated to the Club, explores the beauties of leaves in their fall dress. This 10-minute film is accompanied only by piano music.

HIGH SIERRANS, another new Sierra Club film, will be released about November 1. Produced by Walter Ward, it will explain the purposes and activities of the Sierra Club.

To obtain the above films or any of the other 14 films and nine slide sets in the film library for showing to your fraternal, church, or youth groups, write MONA GAUGER, Film Librarian, 29 Terrace Walk, Berkeley 7, Calif., or call her at LA 4-6194. Donations of $5 toward handling and upkeep are requested from those who can afford it. Film requests are booked in order of receipt. Please order well in advance.

OTHER NEW RELEASES

The Natural Science Section of the Los Angeles Chapter has produced three new slide sets with scripts: DESERT PLANTS, PLANTS OF THE CHAPARRAL, and THE STORY OF A FOREST FIRE. These may be borrowed for one week by any group of more than 10 persons with a projector and experienced operator for the nominal fee of $1.00 plus postage from:

Miss Betty Southam, 500 1/2 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, Calif., or

Mrs. Walter Engle, 3200 Montezuma Avenue, Alhambra, California.

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from motorboats (same problem Yellowstone Lake is trying to solve). Shallow water churned up by motorboats is also subject to pollution by bacteria, which are harmful to water consumers.

The Delta is the heart of the water plan, as all speakers agreed. There would be a barrier, one and a half feet high, at about Rio Vista, with ship canal and fish ladders, to hold back salinity and retain water in the delta.

But the Delta would not itself be used to store extra water; that would go into reservoirs just to the South whenever there was winter water wasting to the sea, and be drawn from there. The Delta itself is specifically protected by the "County of Origin" laws restricting the withdrawal of water.

There is supposed to be enough winter surplus to allow water to be sent far south for 10 years while the rest of the storage projects are built. We heard no exact details on that plan at this meeting, or on the effect of building a passage way across part of the Delta to take northern water south through the San Joaquin valley, which we understand may have a serious effect on part of the Delta.

One question we wish had been discussed is what happens to the lower ends of rivers when all, or most, of the water is kept upstream. Will Nature come back to roost with a vengeance in some long distant future? In effect we are allowing the great rivers to get shrunken legs below a swollen body. Geologist Gerhard H. Matthes had something to say on this, in the Sierra Club Annual for 1950, Page 117, "Dams and the Land", an article worth rereading.

—CMC

PERSONALS

Born to Bob and Marjorie Lewis, on Sept. 23, Marjorie Taber Lewis.

Married: Pauline Praasterink to Donald Croxton, Oct. 15.

Married: Roberta Codis to Don Huber.

Travelers: Dick, Doris, Frances and Betty Leonard will leave on an around-the world flight on Thanksgiving Day.

The Frederick I. Carpenters left on a 4-month world tour on Oct. 22.

Louise Dunlap sailed Oct. 11 from New York on the MS Berlin for a European tour.

Beatrice Rainey and Dirk Breymann announce that they will be getting married the day before Thanksgiving at Yosemite.

WANTED: Fiberglas canoe, Mosquito or equivalent, very good condition. Sam Nelken, 2211 Post, S.F. 15. JO 7-0127

Christmas Party Features

"Come to La Fiesta de Navidad!" cried Pedro.

"What are you talkin' about?"

"La Fiesta de Navidad— you know, the Sierra Club Christmas Ball," loosely translated Pedro.

"Well, why didn't you say so?"

" 'Cause it's a party with a south-of-the border flair," replied Pedro.

"How do you manage that?"

"First pick a romantic setting. This year we chose a beautiful Spanish hacienda, the oldest standing building in San Francisco— the Presidio Officers' Club," announced Pedro in a martial tone.

"Have you hired a marimba band?"

"No. We're guests of El Capitan Murray Peterson, and his orchestra is going to play mostly fox-trots, but also some tangos, rhumbas, and a few Mexican hat dances," exclaimed Pedro.

"Saturday!"

"Well, one o'clock Saturday morning," said a becalmed Pedro.

"Are you having tacos, tamales, enchiladas, and that sort of junk?"

"There'll be a big buffet supper from 10 until 12 p.m. with enough for everyone— roast beef and ham, not just hors d'oeuvres. Nobody should go thirsty for there will be both alcoholic and non-alcoholic punch as well as the Officers' Club bar nearby."

"Do I have to wear some kind of Mexican outfit to come to this thing?"

"Oh no, it's semi-formal with American style clothes. Of course, if you really feel inspired you can come with your sombrero, serape, and castinets."

"You're doing all this by yourself, Pedro?"

"No, there are lots of people working— Janet Carr, Olivia Fisher, Harry Tutton, Dotty Bohlman, Miriam Plotnicov, Bob Hackamack, Pat Cone, and dozens more."

"Okay Pedro, I'm sold, how much?"

"Bueno, but let me explain the climax of the evening. We're going to build a big, big big pinata—then break it and send nuts and candy all over the place. The price is just three dollars per person. Just send a check, made out to the Sierra Club Christmas Ball, and also a self-addressed stamped envelope to any of the following places: Bob Dolan (650 - 38th Street, Richmond), Dorothy Moen (2627 Regent Street, Berkeley 4), Kent Colwell (2621 Division, San Francisco), and the Sierra Club Office (1050 Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street, San Francisco). There are only 250 tickets available—so get yours pronto! If you want some pre-fiesta festivities contact Pat Cone (TH 8-7458) who will help you coordinate people and places."

--HARRY TUTTON

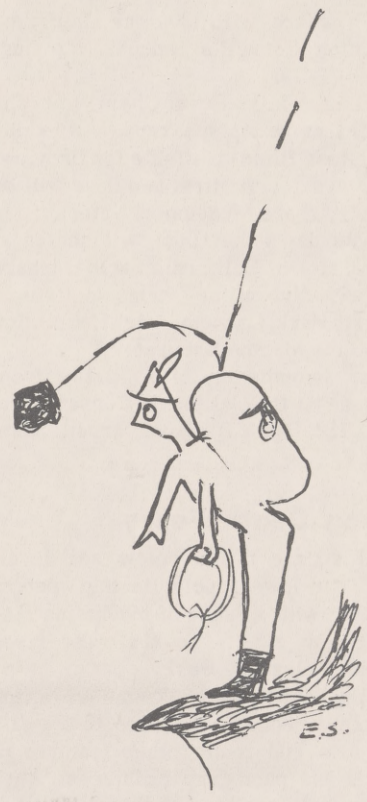
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1 pair Italian ski boots, excellent condition - size 8 at $25. Phone Grace Craig - TH 1-5018, 7-10 evenings.

Innocents on Ice CONTINUED

huddled together with no place to sit and very little room to hide. It was inevitable that advance people would kick loose some rock, and a few specimens ricocheted into our merry little band. Fortunately there was usually enough warning to enable members to present pack-sides up and take the shock that way. The other disturbing feature was the temperature: in the shadow of the chute walls, it was 32 degrees.

Eventually climbers and luggage were on the scree slope. A guide rope was used a third time and now with everyone together Larry chose to implement the move up the sliding rock with our two ropes tied together....two hundred forty feet...used as



TWENTY-THREE VS SOUTHFORK PASS

a straddle line. The maneuver was repeated once more before everyone reached more stable footing just below the crest.

The size of the group dictated the strict procedures and made necessary the delays which consumed nearly all afternoon. But on any terms, Southfork Pass is a formidable challenge and has our fullest respect.

Twenty-three knapsackers cleared the pass at five o'clock: for most it had taken five hours from the foot of the Southfork Glacier. Pass elevation is about 12,600 feet but we didn't keep it long; the south side drops just as far and just as steeply as what we had come up. Our group at once had a common bond of experience which set the trip off to assured success. Nothing in the cross-country days that followed fazed these tigers. Why did someone have to mention Taboose Pass and destroy the mood?

—Jim Watters

Drakes Bay Boat Bust

Saturday morning, October 15, was sunny and warm as leader Gil Clark and follower Jan scanned the distance for a glimpse of the expected horde of paddle wielders. Four finally showed up and they spent the afternoon cruising northwest along the beach towards Point Reyes. There were no casualties. After sunset, four or five more turned up to share the glowing campfire and the hot mulled wine. Next morning they would assault Limantour Bay.

By 11 a.m., 14 boats and fifteen boaters put out to sea, paddling stoutly southeast toward the inlet, in search of surf. Discretion, the experts agreed, called for a beach landing on the ocean side, since by this time, waves at the inlet were 6 to 8 feet high. Preceded by Bryce Whitmore, the intrepid leader made a dash for the shore, changed his mind, turned around, and got smacked in the face by a roller. This set the pattern for all but 3 or 4 of the doughty followers.

There were amazing sights to be seen: Ellie Ridge's new boat was sucked down into the sand on the beach after she had tipped and her boat filled with water; Rita de Fillipo did a beautiful swan dive as a big comber caused her boat to surf lightly to shore without her; Charlie Smith escaped from his boat as he flipped, lost his paddle which gashed a foot-long slice in his deck, and found his snazzy orange helmet in several pieces.

The most thrilling sight was Monte Rowell on a huge crest at least 8 feet high, which carried him forward for a hundred feet and then tossed him and his boat in opposite directions. Only two persons made the round trip waterborne: Bob Hawley and "Slim" Knezevich.

After lunch and a rewarding gurgle for the dunked ones from Bryce's wine bottle, the paddlers decided to tackle the inlet and Limantour Bay by sneaking around inside the breakers. Half made it. The rest lined their boats along the shore back to the put-in spot. The inlet and Limantour were declared a fine site for future surfing feats. Getting back was something of a chore, too. Four of the girls - with their boats - were picked up in a local farmer's four-wheel drive jeep. Said the farmer: "Up to now, I've never seen such a show on this beach."

In summary, it can be said that the Drake's Bay Boat Bust was a holey success. The breakers bashed in three boats, broke two paddles (actually one was busted by a little illegal clam digging), and swallowed up two pairs of glasses and a brand-new spray cover.

—Gil Clark

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GOURMET IN THE GREENSWARD

Today it's Saturday night specials for lazy campers, and for fishermen's cooks when the trout just didn't bite . . . and for late summer eating, without frantic seasoning and stirring and pre-packing. Just a tang of autumn and the mountains almost deserted.

The first Saturday night special comes right out of the comic strips: Jiggs Special for two to four (depending on how many potatoes you use).

I can corned beef
1/2 head cabbage or enough dehydrated to reconstitute to 2 cups
1/2 package dehydrated diced potatoes
I small package dehydrated onions.

Dip plenty of water into a pot and cook the vegetables. Everything should be rather awash, contrary to good vegetable-cooking practice. When the vegetables are almost done, add the corned beef, cut in thick slices. Let everything heat and bubble nicely and serve in deep plates with plenty of black pepper. A good pinch of dried mustard or horseradish can be added with the meat for an extra boost.

Texas Stew, which serves four, is good for a brisk evening.

I can corned beef or 6 to 8 hot dogs
1 package dehydrated chili beans
dehydrated tomatoes to reconstitute to 1 1/2 cups.
1 package dehydrated onions

Reconstitute the dehydrated ingredients, add the meat cup in generous chunks, let everything simmer together for about 15 minutes—and EAT.

The last special comes from a New York poet and critic, and we're sure it was never intended to be hauled into the Sierra in dehydrated form. But Mother's Dutch Supper does turn out to be fine and simple mountain fare. Besides, the cook can have a relatively free hand when it comes to measuring, which makes this a good end-of-the-trail dish (as long as there are bacon, potatoes, apples and onions). The following proportions should feed two hungry campers.

4 slices bacon or 4 hot dogs cut up
1 small package dehydrated onions
1/2 package dehydrated diced potatoes
1 handful dehydrated apples

Soak the apples and then cook them with the potatoes and onions. Fry the meat and remove from the pan. Drain the vegetables WELL and fry until golden. Add the bacon and toss well with salt and plenty of black pepper. —A.R.

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Conservation Council Meeting

Santa Barbara will host the California Conservation Council's annual meeting, November 17-19.

According to Miss Pearl Chase, the conclave will feature top speakers, new exhibits and latest films available for preview. Headquarters for the first two days will be the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Saturday's meetings will center at the University of California Santa Barbara campus with "show me" trips to Refugio Beach State Park, Cachuma Lake Recreation Area, and the Marine Laboratory.

Further information is available from Miss Chase at the California Conservation Council, 912 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara.

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SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENT

November 19: JUNIORS PICNIC, with Burro Packing demonstration and practice (for next summer, already). Burro owner and host, Larry Williams, in Canyon. Coordinator: Susan Langstroth, KE 4-1158.

December 3: JUNIORS. POTLUCK DINNER, River movie, and Guitar Sing. Call host and coordinator, Andy Flett, no later than Tuesday, November 29, at TW 3-2404.

November 8: RIVER TOURING: NO SECTION MEETING! Postponed to Nov. 15. Call Elsa Bailey or John Bombay for meeting place.

December 9: SIERRA CLUB CHRISTMAS BALL. Presidio Officers Club (Bldg. 50) in San Francisco, music by Murray Peterson's orchestra, 9-1; gala buffet supper, 10-12, semi-formal dress; south-of-the-border theme complete with pinata; tickets $3 per person. Make check out to Sierra Club Christmas Ball and send with self-addressed stamped envelope to the Sierra Club office in San Francisco, only 250 tickets available. Remember it's on Friday.

River Touring Notes

At the election last month, campaign balloons and a highly enthusiastic audience welcomed Elsa Bailey as our new section chairman. We have been accustomed to depending on Elsa for leadership and a wide variety of services big and small and she is a "natural" for the job of chairman. Another "natural" is Peter Whitney as managing editor of American White-water Association magazine, another new job he has undertaken.

Next section meeting will be on the third rather than the second Tuesday so come to our usual meeting place on the 15th of November.

Hold the second Tuesday in December (the 13th) for our Christmas Party. We have engaged the bang-up band of the Tourist club and we will dance in their Oakland clubroom. —E.S.